garding the violation of the provisions under the Companies Act by Bombay Dyeing more than three years back;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government on the basis of the report; and

(c) if no action has yet been taken, what are the reasons for the delay in bringing the erring company to book?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) An inspection of the books of accounts of M|s. Bombay Dyeing and Manufacturing Company Limited was ordered in December, 1986 under Section 209A of the Companies Act 1956. The Inspecting Officer submitted his report in September, 1987.

(b) and (c) On the basis of the Inspection report, three criminal complaints for violation of the provisions of Sections 205, 209 and 211 of the Comwere dismissed by the trial court on ground of limitation and later the Bombay High Court also dismissed its revision petition. The matter has been taken up in the Supreme Court through SLP (Special Leave Petition) on the issue regarding 'limitation'. The matter was also placed before the Company Law Board. The Company Law Board considered the matter at its meeting held on 19.6.90 and decided that on the basis of the available material, there was no case for taking action under Section 408 of the Companies Act.

Coal linkage to Ramagundam Thermal Power Station

*254. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal linkage has been sanctioned to the Ramagundam Thermal Power Station Stage II;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Station of the National Thermal Power Corporation is already receiving coal on the basis of approved linkage. This STPS comprises of two stages i.e. Stage-I (3X200 MW) and Stage-II (3X500 MW). Both these units are linked for coal supply from the Singareni Collieries Company Limited. The coal requirement of these units is 7.07 million tonnes during 1990-91 and 7.43 million tonnes from 1991-92 onwards.

Memorandum sent to Prime Minister by Delhi Professional Photographers Association

@*255. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in a memorandum to the Prime Minister, the Delhi Professional Photographers Association has asked for the removal of the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of the Hindustan Photo Film Manufacturing Company alleging receipt of kick-backs and commissions by him from foreign suppliers of photographic films besides indulging in other malpractices creating artificial shortages and promoting black marketing;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have made any inquiry to establish facts with regard to the allegations made;

(d) if so, what is the outcome thereof; and

(e) what action has been taken|proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

@Previously Starred Question No. 115 transferred from 16th August, 1990.

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (e) Representations have been received from Delhi Professional Photographers' Association concerning. amongst others, the quality of HPF's products, its monopoly in photo sensitised goods, high cost of foreign technology, price increase etc. and asking for the removal of the CMD. The allegations have been gone into and have not been found to be based on facts. M's. HPF have been progressively meeting the demand of black and white range of photographic products through its integrated production programme. Apart from HPF. there is another unit undertaking integrated manufacture of photo sensitised goods. Letters of intent have also been issued to two other units. For meeting demand of X-ray films, graphic art films and cine colour positive films etc., HPF undertakes conversion from imported jumbo rolls. COB licences have also been issued to a number of undertakings for conversion from imported jumbo rolls.

The quality of products from HPF is by and large satisfactory and it has a quality assurance programme. Specific complaints. when received, are looked into.

As regards price revision, this is largely guided by a formula laid down by the Bureau of Industrial Cost and Prices.

Need to review the present durg policy

*256. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI:
SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the views of his Ministry on the drug industry clamouring for higher mark ups and more profits and the consumer groups pleading that prices and profits of the industry are very high;

(b) whether his Ministry has conducted any study into the profits and mark ups;

(c) if so. what are the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that a review of the present policy and DPCO, 1987 is in progress;

(e) if so. whether it is not necessary to conduct study on profitability and mark ups before reviewing the policy; and

(f) if so, what steps have been taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (f) It is the endeavour of the Government to ensure easy availability of medicines in abundant quantity at fair and reasonable prices to the consumers. In order to achieve this objective, the Government is reviewing the entire Drug Policy. While doing so, all the representations, suggestions etc. received from various forums including Drug Industry and Consumer Groups will be taken into account. The profitability of the Drug Industry and present allowable MAPE under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 will also form a part of the aforesaid review

Clearance of overdues by State Electricity Boards

*257. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has directed the State Electricity Boards to clear their overdues of Rs. 2300 crores within some stipulated period of time:

(b) if so, by when and whether the balance of uppaid amounts would be adjusted against the annual plan allocations of the States concerned; and

(c) what other steps are being taken by Government to see that the overdues of Rs. 2300 crores are recovered from the SEBs eary?